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Application of

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Title : A SPRING ELEMENT FOR USE IN AN APPARATUS FOR ATTACHING
TO A SEMICONDUCTOR AND METHOD OF ATTACHING
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Examiner : J. Mitchell
Art Unit : 2822

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION/ELECTION REQUIREMENT

This paper is being filed in response to the Office Action mailed February 7, 2001. In that Action, the Examiner required election of one of 32 different "species" of the invention as identified by the Examiner (Groups 1-32). As best can be understood, applicants elect the species of the invention identified by the Examiner as Group 1, a spring element including an elastomeric member and a conductive member.

Applicants believe that this elected species is readable on claims 29-71 and 73, all of the claims in the application, because all claims recite, in one form or another, a spring element which includes an elastic or elastomeric member and a conductive member. Thus, applicants agree with the Examiner's observation that "Group 1 is generic to groups 2-32."

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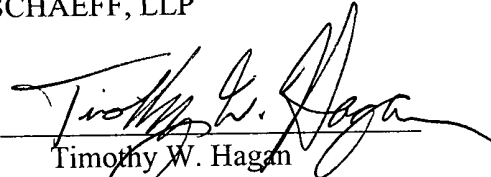
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Applicants await an action on the merits of the elected claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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